

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 1089**

LCO No. 7038

**AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) The Commissioners of Social  
2       Services, Children and Families and Mental Health and Addiction  
3       Services shall, in consultation with providers of behavioral health  
4       services, including, but not limited to, hospitals, develop and  
5       implement a program to (1) improve the provision of behavioral health  
6       services to Medicaid recipients, (2) improve the coordination of such  
7       services among health care providers, and (3) reduce costs to the state.  
8       Said commissioners shall (A) establish qualifications for participation  
9       in the program, (B) identify geographic areas in which the program  
10      shall be implemented, (C) provide payment incentives to health care  
11      providers to improve the quality and decrease the costs of such  
12      behavioral health services, and (D) develop quality standards to  
13      ensure the improvement and coordination of such behavioral health  
14      services.

15      Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) The Commissioners of Children  
16      and Families and Mental Health and Addiction Services shall annually  
17      report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
18      statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
19      having cognizance of matters relating to children and public health

20 concerning the provision of behavioral health services. Such report  
21 shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The admission criteria,  
22 admission process and capacity for each mental health and substance  
23 abuse program administered by the Departments of Children and  
24 Families and Mental Health and Addiction Services; and (2)  
25 information for each provider of behavioral health services who  
26 receives funding from the state through a program administered by  
27 the Department of Children and Families or the Department of Mental  
28 Health and Addiction Services, including, but not limited to,  
29 deidentified information on: (A) The number of persons served and  
30 such persons' level of care, the number of admissions and discharges  
31 and the number of service hours and bed days, (B) the average wait  
32 times for services, (C) the primary diagnoses and demographics for  
33 persons served by such provider, (D) average lengths of stay for  
34 persons who receive inpatient services, (E) client satisfaction scores, (F)  
35 discharge delays and outcomes, and (G) recovery measures.

36       Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) There is established within  
37 the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services a grant  
38 program to provide funds to organizations that provide acute care and  
39 emergency behavioral health services. The Commissioner of Mental  
40 Health and Addiction Services shall establish eligibility criteria for  
41 grants under the program and an application process.

42       (b) Grants shall be issued under the program for the purposes of  
43 providing community-based behavioral health services, including (1)  
44 care coordination services, and (2) access to information on, and  
45 referrals to, available health care and social service programs.

46       Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) The Commissioner of Mental Health  
47 and Addiction Services shall, in consultation with the Commissioners  
48 of Children and Families and Social Services and providers of  
49 behavioral health services, including, but not limited to, hospitals,  
50 study the current utilization of, and the need for, hospital beds for  
51 acute psychiatric care. Such study shall include, but need not be  
52 limited to: (1) A determination of the number of short-term,

53 intermediate and long-term psychiatric beds needed in each region of  
54 the state; (2) the average wait times for each type of psychiatric beds;  
55 (3) the impact of wait times on persons in need of inpatient psychiatric  
56 services, such persons' families and providers of such inpatient care;  
57 and (4) identification of public and private funding sources to maintain  
58 the number of psychiatric beds needed in the state.

59 (b) Not later than January 1, 2017, the Commissioner of Mental  
60 Health and Addiction Services shall report, in accordance with the  
61 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
62 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
63 relating to appropriations, public health and human services  
64 concerning the results of the study described in subsection (a) of this  
65 section. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to,  
66 recommendations concerning: (1) Expansion of the utilization criteria  
67 to increase access to acute, inpatient psychiatric services throughout  
68 the state; (2) an increase in the number of long-term, inpatient  
69 hospitalization beds available for persons with recurring needs for  
70 inpatient behavioral health services; (3) funding to increase the  
71 number of psychiatric beds; and (4) placement of additional  
72 psychiatric beds in health care facilities throughout the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section